MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Inventory Number: *2000 CH-870
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Owner: Gardiner, J. Thomas and William G. III
Tax Parcel Number: 29 Tax Map Number: 23
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommendedX
CriteriaABCD Considerations:ABCDEFG _X None
Is property located within a historic district?: X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The barns located on the north side of Mitchell Road across from 9295 Mitchell Road are both wood frame structures with metal roofs. The westernmost barn has a front shed projecting from its side gable roof. The easternmost barn has a shallow front gable roof.
Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.
Barn construction followed ethnic traditions. Dutch barns were nearly square and covered with a highly pitched
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended Criteria: _ A _ B _ C _ D Consideration _ A _ B _ C _ D _ E _ F _ G _ None
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date Date

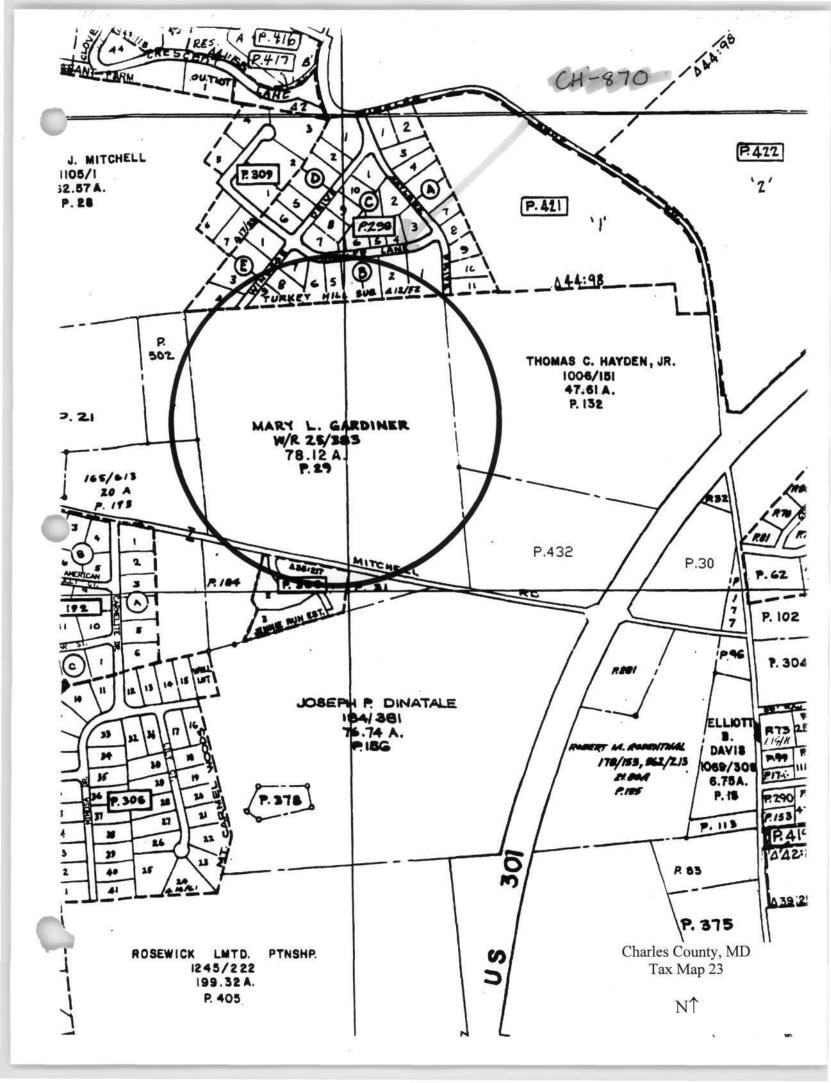
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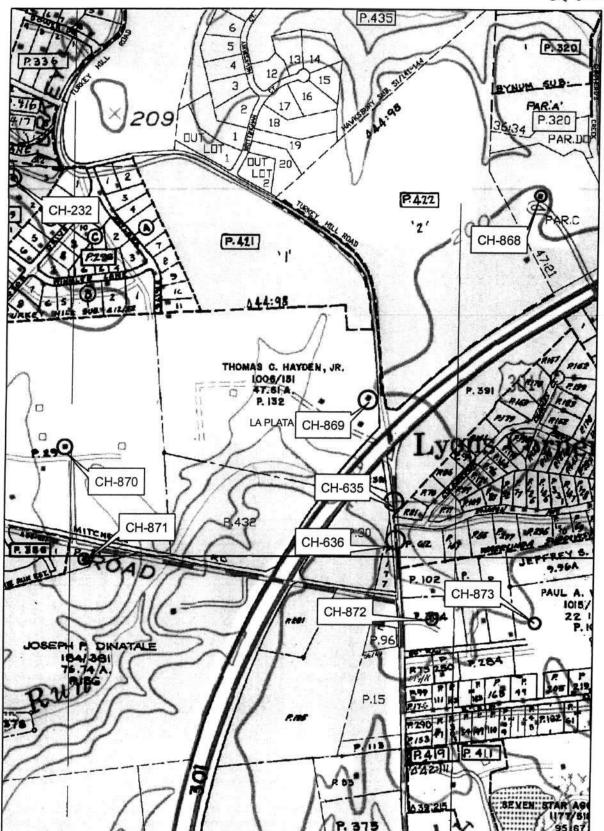
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roof. They employed a three-bay design with a large door at the center and smaller doors at the eaves which allowed access for the livestock. The English barn also contained three bays, but with a long horizontal face and a low pitched gable roof. Where Dutch and English settlement coincided, a barn which combined construction styles developed.

Constructed circa 1900, these barns are not eligible for the National Register. While they are typical of the agricultural buildings surrounding U.S. 301, the resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Noveth side of Mitchell Road, across from 9295 Charles County, MD Traceries

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View looking north

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North side of Mitchell Road, across from 9295 Charles County, UD TRACERIES

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